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Post interview with Applicant's Representatives on 05/26/2010, the following publication was found of Rudi et al. (US 2006/0035222 published on 02/16/2006, Application no: 10/501,632 with priority to provisional application No. 60/348,396 filed on 01/16/2002). This publication contains subject matter related to the instant claims, especially publication claim 1 and Figure 1, where bipartite primer pairs with binding tags are disclosed. In the interest of compact prosecution, this reference is being brought to Applicant's attention for consideration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Staples whose telephone number is (571) 272-9053. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571) 272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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